

### Methodist Men Set Box Social

An "Old Fashioned" box social at the First Methodist Church of Torrance, is scheduled for Friday, November 18 at 8:30 p.m. Full adult supervision of young children, which together with television for the older children will provide an opportunity for adults to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Parents may bring a separate lunch for their children. Auctioning of adult boxes will begin with a minimum bid of 95c. The affair is sponsored by the Men's Club who will present many valuable gifts. The proceeds will go toward planned church improvements.

### Message Scheduled

The Rev. Alene Pedersen will deliver "A Thanksgiving Proclamation" Sunday, 10:45 a.m. at the Torrance Foursquare Church, 1207 El Prado. The subject of the message to be preached Sunday at 7:30 p.m. is "Awake for the Coming of the Lord is at Hand."

### Church Scribes Hear Lecture

A meeting of all church publicity chairmen in the Torrance area will be held this afternoon, 1 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, El Prado and Manuel avenue. Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, will speak on the preparation of church publicity material for publication.

### Rehearsals Start Locally for Handel's Messiah Presentation

December 4 at 4 p.m. Handel's Messiah will be presented in various churches throughout the Los Angeles area. This musical effort is sponsored by the music department of the Church Federation of Los Angeles each Christmas season. In this area Mallory, Director of the Choir of the First Methodist Church has been selected as director of this great work.

Both choirs and individuals of any denomination or musical group are invited to join in the rehearsals which are now taking place. Any choir or persons who wish, may go to either the First Methodist Church, Choir rehearsal at 9 p.m. at Torrance boulevard at Broadway in Redondo or to St. Cross Episcopal Church Choir rehearsal at 9 p.m. each Wednesday. The address of St.

Cross Episcopal Church is 14th and Manhattan avenue, Hermosa Beach. The hour at 9 p.m. will give the respective choirs a chance to complete their regular rehearsal beforehand.

Another opportunity for rehearsal, the Messiah may be had by attending the Adult Education Class, Choral Group Meeting, at Redondo Union High School, each Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4.



# Churches



### Americans Are Urban in Their Thinking Says Rev. England

"THE GOOD EARTH" A Thanksgiving Editorial Thought. By REV. CECIL ENGLAND, Pastor, First Christian Church

Why Americans have become so urban in our thinking during the past generation, that today at first thought, such a subject as "The Good Earth" seems very remote. We will readily agree no doubt that primitive

man and the early Colonial settlers were so completely dependent upon the soil for their livelihood that the reality of such a subject was a fact which spelled life or death for them. Every harvest season was a blessing or a curse in proportion to its yield. The productivity of the Good Earth had a direct relationship to man's prosperity which affected his life during the remainder of the year following the harvest season. A good or a poor harvest meant ev-

### LUTHERANS TO OBSERVE 'LOYALTY SUNDAY'

Two services this Sunday will be held by the Torrance First Lutheran Church to accommodate the large membership which is expected to participate in "Loyalty Sunday." The local church is joining with the congregations of all other American Lutheran Churches in observance of the event, according to Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor.

### United Brethren Church Climaxes 60-Day Crusade

Thanksgiving Sunday will be observed this November 20 at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, Marcelina at Arlington avenues. All members are urged to be present and to lend their best effort toward a record attendance. This will climax the Attendance Crusade which has been in progress during the past two months. Reviewing the blessings of the past year each one is invited to bring a special thank offering. The pastor, Rev. U. S. Schauer will bring an appropriate message at the 11 a.m. service entitled "Wholehearted Thanksgiving."

First service will be held at 10:45 a.m., the second at 7:30 p.m.

A recording of a message from the National President of the American Lutheran Church, Dr. Emmanuel Poppen, will be broadcast during the services.

The purpose of this special program is to demonstrate the strength and unity of the local congregation and to accept the command, "Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God," and to follow the advice of the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews, "Assemble yourselves together." If all members of the American Lutheran Church attend the services on Sunday there will be 482,000 members in church and 272,000 children in Sunday School, Rev. Wenske said.



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everything to him, and to his family.

Modern men haven't actually separated themselves from the bounty of the Good Earth. We may be even more dependent today upon the soil and its productivity than our forefathers were. Many things which are in abundance, we take for granted, our livelihood depends upon them; still, they come from the Good Earth.

We secure most of our food from the soil. "Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions" is poured out of a paper box into a glass cereal bowl which is placed upon a synthetic top on the kitchen table. Every item from the Wheaties to the table top are products of the soil. Such other items as shirts, dresses, trouses, stockings, parts of our automobile, and many parts of machinery on which we work every day come from God's Good Earth.

Now, the point of all this is simply to call to your attention how simple it is to think we are remote from the goodness of God's Good Earth today when

actually just the reverse is the case. It is still true now as always that the things we enjoy, the necessities of life all come essentially from the Almighty who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

The way in which we are so engrossed and a part of a highly mechanized society should be a reminder of our dependence upon the Good Earth. For the Good Earth means food, clothing, shelter, transportation, work and play for us all.

Primitive man lived very near to the soil; the Good Earth became his deity. Urban man isn't remote from God, though modern life is considerably different. Such thinking upon the part of all serious minded citizens could be a good preparation for our annual observance of Thanksgiving Day this year. This festival is essentially a religious way of expressing to each other and to God our sincere gratitude for all that is ours.

### Hammerton Tract Church Selects First Officials

Officers of the Hammerton Tract Non-denominational Church was announced this week by officials of the recently organized church.

Officials of the church include: Elders: Leo Wagner, Julia Fulks, and Mahlen McCoury. Trustees: A. C. Caldwell, L. D. Young, and Agnes Wagner. James Hight is Deacon. Deaconesses are Pearl York, Evelyn Gaulty, Ruth Hight, Mamie Robinson and Lottie Caldwell.

John Ball is treasurer. Mrs. Viva Kall is the secretary. Mrs. Margaret Ball serves as assistant secretary.

Organized on November 6, the church has as its first project a fund-raising campaign to enable the followers to purchase two lots for a church site.

The founding of the church is the outgrowth of the formation of a Sunday School which started last January and which now boasts a membership of 109 students.

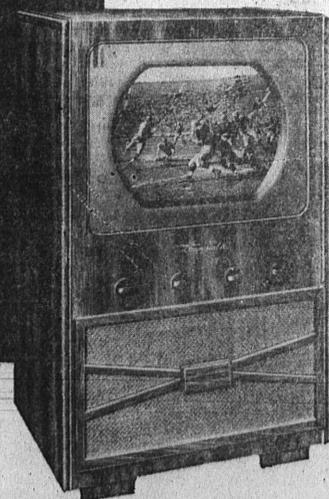
During this Sunday evening's service the motion picture film of the Old Testament story of "Ruth" will be shown.

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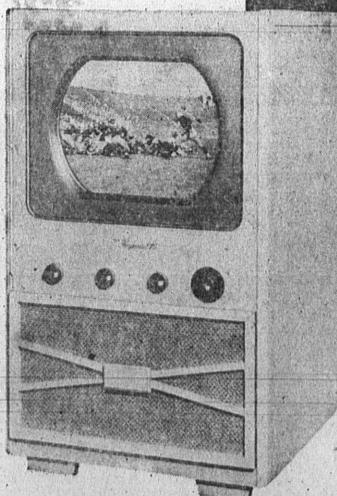
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